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Boulder Glad Gardens

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Preliminary Remarks

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Dear Friends: This is Nov. 21, 1932. I have come to the conclusion that it is about time for me to get busy with the 1933 circular, if it is to be ready for distribution by Jan. 1. This has been a year of depression and politics. Now that the election is over, we can get our minds back to the ordinary affairs of life. The last year has been a hard one for anyone without a job, or anyone with something to sell. I was about to say that I worked for nothing and boarded myself, but that is not quite true. Sales exceeded expenses so much that, while I made no profit, my wages amounted to about one-tenth of a laboring man's wages. I did practically all my own work. But "nuff ced" about the depression. Millions suffered more than I. Now we are all looking forward with hope to a new year and a "New Deal." We read in authentic reports of a million men being put to work since July 1.

We had a dry winter last winter, and last summer was dry, but the ditch from which I irrigated continued to flow till

October, and I have ~~no more of bulbs to offer again.~~ ~~Have had appreciative letters, but will not take space for them this year.~~ Printer's ink costs money, so will leave out the complimentary communications, and cut short these ramblings.

I have more seeds to offer this year, most of them grown by myself. Some I obtained from a well-known wholesale seed house. You'll think I am trying to become a Sunflower specialist. Nothing like that. Am too busy with the Glads. Some Sunflower seeds were sent me last spring. These I planted, and so can offer you the Sunflowers Maroon Prince and the Brown Sunflower and perhaps next year the silver-leaf Sunflower with flowers zoned red and yellow.

Ten Favorite Glads

Here are the ten favorite Glads of 1931. They may not be the best, but they are the most popular. Who can say which are absolutely the best?

Name of Variety	Originator	No. Votes	Color
1. Mr. W. H. Phipps.....	Diener	568	Salmon
2. Minuet	Coleman	552	Lavender
3. Marmora	Errey	499	Smoky
4. Dr. F. E. Bennett.....	Diener	442	Scarlet
5. Pfitzer's Triumph.....	Pfitzer	435	Scarlet
6. Mrs. Leon Douglas.....	Diener	415	Salmon Pink
7. Betty Nuthall.....	Salbach	401	Salmon Pink
8. Golden Dream.....	Groff	368	Yellow
9. Purple Glory.....	Kunderd	277	Maroon Red
10. Mrs. P. W. Sisson.....	Coleman	245	Light Pink

We could find fault with most of them; for instance, W. H. Phipps bulbs do not keep well in storage, and there are too many inferior blossoms. Pfitzer's Triumph will not endure a very hot sun. For Mrs. Sisson as No. ten, I would substitute Jane Addams. In the list of favorites is Veilchenblau, No. 11, Mother Machree, No. 16, Longfellow, No. 23, Pearl of Calif. No. 27, Charles Dickens, No. 29, Ave Maria, No. 35, Berty Snow, No. 37, Geraldine Farrar, No. 44, and Mrs. Frank Pendleton, No. 50. There are more than 7,000 named Glads on the market, so all in the first 100 should be especially fine.

How to Raise Gladioli

If any reader of this circular wishes information about growing Glads, I will, on request, mail printed instructions. See Dec. number of the *Gladiolus Review* to learn about Thrip control. We have no thrips here.

Business Terms

Cash with order please, same as I pay myself. I am a poor bookkeeper and a poor collector, so must do a cash business. I like P. O. Money Orders, and I can use 5 and 10 cent stamps on small orders, as I prepay postage. Personal checks are all right, but please do not send checks if you wish immediate delivery. Checks sent me for bulbs have almost always been perfectly good, but I got stung once last year. An order and a check were sent with a request for immediate delivery. Of course I was anxious to accommodate, as it was planting time, in the state from which the order came. Fortunately the amount was not large.

I like to get my orders in early. For all orders, made before March 1, will put in extra bulbs, amounting in value to one-sixth of the amount sent. If you can not send the order before March 1, you

will still get extras, but not so many. While I usually have bulbs to sell up to June 1, those ordering early are more likely to get what they want. Late in the season I sometimes have to return money because I cannot send what is ordered.

Remember 6 bulbs go at one-half the price of 12, and 5 bulbs at one-half the price of 10.

Size of Bulbs

I have three sizes: large, medium, and small. Large bulbs are $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter and larger; medium around 1 inch up to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; and small does not mean smallest. My small bulbs are mostly larger than No. 6. For convenience I sometimes use another size which I call large-medium. I use abbreviations for these sizes as follows: L., M., S., and L.-M. Large bulbs produce the tallest flower stalk, and the largest and most numerous blossoms. Large-medium bulbs produce practically the same results as large ones. Medium sized bulbs bring good results in flowers, and produce a good crop of bulblets and a large bulb to plant the next year.

Substitutions

I do not substitute one variety for another without the customer's consent. Sometimes I have to substitute a larger size for a smaller without increase in price. When I substitute a smaller size for a larger I put in more bulbs, and try to give the customer the best of the deal.

A Little Experiment

One reason I like to send out my bulbs early, an entirely selfish reason, is that they look better then. This is a dry state with a very dry air that will shrivel an exposed Dahlia tuber in a few days. Late in spring the Gladiolus bulbs have shrunk, so that they are smaller than they were earlier, and do not look so well. However, they are just as good or better for growing when planted. Last September, as an experiment, I planted some shrunken bulbs, nearly a year after they had been dug, and they grew. I cut one in two, and found it quite moist inside and sound.

Two Favorites

This year I saw Betty Nuthall, and Jane Addams, growing from large bulbs, in their full beauty. I could not praise them enough if I tried. While I can find faults in Mr. W. H. Phipps, supposed to be the finest of all, as far as I know, Betty Nuthall is without a fault. While Jane Addams has been given 40th place, I would have Mrs. P. W. Sisson and Jane Addams change places in rank. They are both mighty fine.

Something From Colorado

About 20 years ago, I found a plant growing in wild grass, in a vacant lot across the alley from my house. I did not know what it was, but I moved it into my garden. It proved to be a true buttercup, worthy of a place in any garden. It has spread so much that I can

now offer roots to others. The plant appears to grow out of small balls. What shall we call them? Tubers? Well, you may have this Colorado wild flower, two for 15c, prepaid. Will replace if they do not grow, but they should be planted early.

GLADIOLUS LIST

AIDA. Dark blue-purple. The largest and one of the darkest of that color. Early. L., 10c; M., 2 for 15c.

AFLAME. Extra large grandiflora Prim. of begonia-rose shading to bright orange-flame near edge. 6 or more giant blooms open at once. L., 10c.

AVE MARIA. Many large flowers open. Color, near-blue with darker blotch. L., 15c. M., 10c; 10 for 90c.

ALICE TIPLADY. Beautiful orange-tinted flowers with inside markings. Large for a Prim. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c.

BETTY NUTHALL. Salmon tinted with throat feathered carmine. L., 10c. M., 2 for 15c.

BYRON L. SMITH. A dainty lavender with soft yellow blotch. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c; 10 for 25c.

BURBANK BEAUTY. This is a new one introduced by me two years ago. Did not have enough to offer last year. Produced from seed received from Burbank several years ago. Pink with bright red blotch. Good Size. L., 20c. M., 15c.

BERTY SNOW. Large, beautiful, lavender. M., 2 for 10c.

CANBERRA. Probably the largest yellow Glad. Originated in Australia. M., 20c.

CHARLES DICKENS. Bright purple with dark blotch. Tall and fine. 2 for 10c.

COMMANDER KOEHL. Very large, dark scarlet. M., 15c.

CORONADO. Immense, white, ruffled, with feathered purple throat. L., 15c. M., 10c.

COPPER BRONZE. The name describes it, beautiful and unique. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c.

DEL ROSA. Originated by Luther Burbank, I started with 6 bulblets, directly from him. It never has had any ballyhoo, so is not so well known as it deserves to be. Del Rosa is a great producer of bulblets, so my stock has increased so much I can sell these very cheap. Large wide-open flowers, with a rich scarlet color. Creamy blotch on lower petals. Bulbs always healthy. L., 2 for 10c; 10 for 40c. M., 4 for 10c; 10 for 20c. S., 10 for 10c. L.-M., 3 for 10c; 10 for 30c. Bulblets, extra large, that will grow easily, 50 for 10c.

DR. ELKINS. White with lilac blotch in throat. L., 5c.

ELIZABETH TABOR. Pink with red blotch. Very early. L., 5c; 10 for 40c.

EVELYN KIRTLAND. Shell-pink with gracefully curved scarlet markings. It has been given the highest rating by experts. Bulbs have not been subject to scab and rot for me. L., 4 for 15c; 10 for 30c. L.-M., 4 for 10c; 10 for 20c. M., 10 for 15c.

GETTYSBURG. Dark rich red. Large. L., 10c.

GERALDINE FARRAR. Pale lavender-violet with large dark violet blotch on lower petals. Large wide-open blossoms. One of the very fine ones. L., 10c. M., 2 for 15c. S., 2 for 10c.

GOLD. Pure golden yellow. Throat a shade deeper, slightly dotted and streaked. Flowers large for a yellow Glad, and many open at once. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c.

GOLDEN FRILLS. Deep daffodil yellow with frilled edges of petals, and bright orange-red lines in throat. Still my favorite yellow Glad. L., 2 for 10c.

GOLDEN DREAM. Tall very deep yellow. Golden Dream is considered one of the best ten. L., 2 for 10c.

JENNIE LIND. This one has often been called the "Darling" among Glads. Delicate salmon pink blending with creamy throat. A peaches and cream affair. Good size and height. I have the improved Jenny Lind. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c.

JANE ADDAMS. Lavender with white throat. Immense in size. Blooms have been known to be 7½ inches in diameter. L., 10c.

LONGFELLOW. Bright flesh pink, with small bright red spot on lower petals. Each petal has an indistinct white line running through lengthwise. Flowers large from large bulbs. Here is a flower that will keep its bright fresh appearance long after cutting. In the field or garden Longfellow endures the hottest sunshine without crooking or drooping. L., 4 for 15c; 10 for 30c. M., 4 for 10c; 10 for 20c. S., 10 for 15c.

LOS ANGELES. Pink with bright orange-red markings. Tall with large blossoms. 2, 3, or 4 spikes often grow from one large bulb. Each spike may have a side spike, and after cutting the flowers, you may be surprised some day to find another spike growing from the stump. It is called the cut-and-come-again variety. Increases rapidly. One large bulb may make three or four new ones in one summer. Los Angeles is remarkable for health and vigor. Plant Los Angeles 10 inches apart. Prices same as of Longfellow.

MARIE KUNDERD. Here is a really beautiful white Glad, Early, ruffled, pointed petals. There is a little pink deep in throat. L., 2 for 10c. M., 4 for 15c.

MAROCCO. Very dark red, almost black. Good size. L., 15c. M., 10c; 10 for 90c.

MONTEZUMA. Dark red, spotted with light yellow. Good size. L., 5c. M., 3 for 10c. S., 5 for 10c; 10 for 15c.

MRS. LEON DOUGLAS. Tall and showy. Begonia-rose striped scarlet. Yellow spots sprinkled with ruby. Flowers very large. Always among the ten most popular ones. L., 2 for 10c; 10 for 40c.

MINUET. Very fine lavender with large flowers. L., 10c.

MR. W. H. PHIPPS. To this one we might say, "With all thy faults we love thee still." Among 7,000 varieties this one is most popular. Tall and showy with many large, beautiful blossoms open at once. Phipps always is the center of attraction. Salmon pink with indistinct markings. Increases rapidly. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c; 10 for 30c. S., 10 for 20c.

MARMORA. Here is another one of the most popular ten. Smoky lavender. L., 10c.

MOTHER MACHREE. Mr. Stevens, the originator, says of it, "The color of the clouds when the sun has set." Smoky combined with bright coloring. I paid \$100 to get my start in Mother Machree, for 12 bulblets. L., 20c. M., 15c. S., 10c. Bulblets, 25 for 10c.

MRS. P. W. SISSON. Lovely cameo pink with fine lines in throat. Many large blossoms open at once. It takes something pretty fine to be given tenth place. L., 2 for 10c. M., 3 for 10c. S., 5 for 10c.

ORANGE DELIGHT. Orange-red edged with yellow. Lacinated. Small but beautiful. L., M., 2 for 10c; 10 for 40c. M., 3 for 10c; 10 for 25c. S., 5 for 10c; 10 for 15c.

ORANGE WONDER. Large with beautiful orange color. No. 48 in popularity. You will love this one. L., 10c. M., 2 for 15c.

OUR SELECTION. Can't quite remember how it looks, but remember it was beautiful. Will copy Long's description. Giant exhibition Glad that has caused a big sensation in the Australian shows, and in the few places where it has been seen in America. Salmon-red flecked with a deeper shade, often marked with slate flakings. Lower petals carry a blotch of cerise bordered with cream. Long spikes carry large blossoms, many open. L., 20c.

PEARL OF CALIFORNIA. Large, light pink, many open at once. It is remarkable for having a large number of buds and blossoms. L., 2 for 15c.

PRINCE OF WALES. Orange-pink with soft yellow blotch. Blossoms large. Always attracts admiration. Like Jennie Lind with stronger color. L., 4 for 15c; 10 for 30c. M., 4 for 10c; 10 for 20c. S., 10 for 15c.

PURPLE GLORY. Always placed by vote among the first ten. Dark maroon red, heavily ruffled, and large. Bulbs always healthy. L., 2 for 10c; 10 for 40c. M., 3 for 10c; 10 for 30c.

PFITZER'S TRIUMPH. One of the grandest varieties ever grown. Orange-red with brilliant scarlet blotch. Large and wide-open. L., 10c. M., 2 for 15c.

ROSE ASH. Ashes of Roses color. Some yellow inside. L., 3 for 12c; 12 for 40c. M., 4 for 10c; 12 for 25c. S., 12 for 20c.

RICHARD DIENER. Large salmon-pink with yellow throat marked with lines. Many blossoms open at once. L., 2 for 10c.

RUFFLED GOLD. A beautifully ruffled Glad that grows tall and strong and makes large bulbs. Flowers about the size of those of Golden Measure. L., 10c.

RED PHIPPS. One of the finest of the reds. L., Each, \$1.00. M., Each, 60c. S., Each, 40c.

RADIANT MIXTURE. This is made up of many beautiful named varieties. L., 10 for 35c. M., 10 for 25c.

SEEDLING MIXTURE. These bulbs came from seed received from Burbank and Diener, and from my own seed. I pull out and throw away varieties I do not care for in this mixture. Price same as for Radiant Mixture.

SOVEREIGN. Very dark blue-purple, almost a dark blue. You might call it royal purple, containing flecks of yellow. L., 4 for 15c; 10 for 30c. M., 5 for 15c; 10 for 20c. S., 12 for 15c.

SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS. Early, orange-saffron. L., 10c.

VEILCHENBLAU. Violet-blue. Larger than Sovereign, but not so dark. L., 10c. M., 2 for 15c.

WINGED VICTORY. Very large pink. L., 25c.

YELLOW WONDER. A good yellow. L., 2 for 15c.

Wholesale List

In this list prices per 100 are given. 25 bulbs will be sold at one-fourth the price of 100. Bulbets will be sold by the 1,000; 250 bulbets at one-fourth the price per 1,000. Postage or express charges are prepaid.

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Bulblets
Aida		\$6.40	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.40		\$1.50
Ave Maria	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.40	1.60	2.50
Dr. F. E. Bennett.....		3.00	2.50	1.75	1.25	.80	.90
Del Rosa		3.50	2.75	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00
Evelyn Kirtland		3.00	2.50	1.75	1.25	.80	.90
Los Angeles	3.00	2.50	1.75	1.25	.90	.60	1.00
Longfellow		2.50	1.75	1.25	.90	.60	.80
Marocco	9.00	7.00	4.40	3.00	2.00	1.20	2.50
Orange Wonder		6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		1.50
Our Selection	15.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	3.00		3.75
Pfitzer's Triumph	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.20	1.00	.80	1.25
Ruffled Gold	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.80	1.80		2.25
Radiant Mixture		2.50	1.75				
Rose Ash		2.75	2.25	1.75			.75
Seedling Mixture		2.50	1.75				
Veilchenblau	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.20		2.00

Seeds

ANCHUSA, OR GIANT FORGET-ME-NOT. This is a bushy plant, growing about 3½ feet tall, and covered for several weeks in summer with a profusion of dark blue flowers. Blooms second year after planting seed. Perennial. Plant once, and you will always have Anchusa, as it self-sows. Cutting back prolongs blossoming season. Pkt., 10c.

ASTER, VICK'S LATE BRANCHING. Has large long-stemmed flowers, with the Aster colors. Pkt., 10c.

BACHELOR'S BUTTON. Mixed double. Pkt., 5c.

CARROT FERN. The first year it makes a ground cover of dark-green fern-like leaves. The second year it sends up tall flower stalks bearing white flowers. Self-sows. Pkt., 5c.

CALENDULA. This is an early blossoming annual, mostly orange and yellow. Easily grown. Pkt., 5c.

DELPHINIUM. The large-flowered kinds that usually sell for \$1.00 per pkt. Has different shades of blue and lavender. Perennial. Pkt., 20c.

FOUR O'CLOCK. An old-fashioned flower that has a good variety of bright colors. The blossoms open late in the afternoon, and remain open, till closed by the sun next day. Blossoms for many weeks. Annual. Pkt., 5c.

HOLLYHOCK. Double mixed. Pkt., 5c.

HOLLYHOCK, COLORADO SUNSET. This delightful flower originated in Colorado. Last year, as a joke, I called the flowers Roses growing on Hollyhock stalks. The color is different shades and tints of salmon. The flowers are fully double, resembling double roses, and grow clustered thick along the flower stalk. Hollyhocks blossom second year after planting, and last several years. Pkt., 10c.

LOVE-IN-A-MIST. A pretty blue flower, blossoming several weeks, in misty gray-green foliage. About the size of Bachelor's Button. Pkt., 5c.

PANSY. Giant flowered. Mixed colors. Pkt., 10c.

POPPY, SKIFF'S RED CALIFORNIA. I obtained the seed several years ago from a "volunteer" plant, and have been improving size and color. Flowers are scarlet, blood-red, and orange red. Occasionally there is a cerise blossom, and one red outside and orange inside, but they are not numerous. The California Poppy blossoms abundantly, from early summer to late fall, making a brilliant spot in the garden. Pkt., 10c.

POPPY, CALIFORNIA. Mixed colors. Pkt., 10c.

POPPY, BRILLIANT BEAUTIES. Tall with variety of colors. Mostly double. Annual. Easily grown. Pkt., 5c.

POPPY, ORIENTAL. Large, scarlet blossoms, growing on tall stalks. Black spot at base of each petal. Flowers 8 in. or more in diameter. Plants very hardy, enduring extremes of heat, drouth and cold, and lasting indefinitely. Flowers last well when cut if ends of stems are dipped in scalding water. The seeds are fine like grains of sand, and care must be used in planting. Plant out doors where they are to grow, early in spring, very shallow. Keep moist till growth starts. Sow seed thick, and thin plants to 16 inches apart. Pkt., 5c.

REGAL LILY. Here is something for those who have patience to wait a few years for their reward. Description is elsewhere in this circular. Plant seed ½ inch deep early in spring. Keep out weeds, and transplant the small bulbs about three inches deep in October. The seed grows readily for me. They blossom the second or third summer, and last many years, improving in size and number of flowers for several years. Pkt., 10c.

SWEET PEAS, GIANT SPENCER. Choice mixed. Plant as early as possible in good rich soil. Pkt., 10c.

SWEET CORN, THE BURBANK. Yes, here's something good to eat stuck in here with the flowers. This is an early yellow Sweet Corn, that comes along with the Golden Bantam for earliness, but is superior in size and quality. "A world-beater," an Alabama customer writes. A

Rhode Island customer writes, "Of six varieties we planted, The Burbank was most delicious." Other letters express similar opinions. In planting just a little sweet corn, plant in several short rows rather than in one long one. Pollen will be better distributed. Packet, 10c. postpaid. 3 for 25c.

SNAPDRAGON. Tall, with many beautiful and striking colors. Pkt., 5c.

SUNFLOWER, SKIFF'S RED. The Red Sunflower was discovered here in Boulder by Mrs. Cockerell, a Boulder teacher, in about 1909. It was a common wild Sunflower like the wild Sunflowers of Kansas and Colorado, but by some freak of nature, it was partly red. It was crossed with larger varieties of Sunflowers. I have grown the Red Sunflower for about 20 years, and give my Sunflowers the above name because it is the strain I have developed. The red color was formerly rather faint, but now about half are all either red or reddish brown, when they blossom. Most of the other half are zoned red or brown and yellow. There is an outside zone of yellow, and an inside zone of red or brown. Occasionally there will still be an all yellow flower. Plants grow from 5 to 8 feet tall depending on fertility and moisture. Flowers are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter. Tourists in Boulder seemed much interested in my Red Sunflower patch last summer. Plant like corn, but not so deep, early in May. Pkt., 10c; 4 for 25c.

SUNFLOWER, CHRYSANTHEMUM FLOWERED. A beautiful medium-sized yellow Sunflower fully double. Soft, round, and fluffy, this makes a fine cut flower. Pkt., 10c; 3 for 25c.

SUNFLOWER, HYBRID. This is my own make. It is a cross of the Red and Ch. Fl. The cross was made so recently that there will be quite a variation among the flowers, but I can say that many will be double and partly red. Pkt., 10c; 3 for 25c.

SUNFLOWER, MAROON PRINCE. Seeds were sent me last spring by an Alabama customer, who is interested in Sunflowers. About one-half of the plants produced maroon flowers and most of the rest dark red ones. The question is "What will they do this year?" Would you want to take a chance at 15c a packet? It doesn't grow so tall as my Red Sunflowers, but the flowers are about the same size.

SUNFLOWER, DARK BROWN. Seeds were sent me last spring by the Alabama gentleman mentioned above. The blossoms were practically true to description. The color was a very dark brown, fading in a few days to a rich red in our bright sunshine. Pkt., 15c; 2 for 25c.

SUNFLOWER, MAMMOTH RUSSIAN. That story about Jack's climbing a bean stalk must have been a mistake. It must have been one of these Sunflower plants he climbed. I had a grove of them last summer. In height they reached the sky, and they bore gigantic flowers. I heard a woman call them beautiful, but I make no claims as to their beauty. They are a curiosity because of size, the seeds are useful as chicken feed, and the trunks may be used as firewood. Have heard of their growing 14 feet tall. One of the blossoms was 16 inches in diameter. Pkt., 5c; 6 oz. for 25c.

ZINNIA, MAMMOTH DOUBLE. It blossoms in a great variety of colors, and blooms for many weeks. Pkt., 10c; 3 for 25c.

Miscellaneous Bulbs

PARROT TULIPS. I want my flowers bright and gorgeous. That's why I like the Parrot Tulips. Flowers very large with lacinated petals. Mixed colors. Plant bulbs in fall, about 5 in. deep. I can send you bulbs the last of August or first of September. By mail or express, prepaid. 12 for 50c; 25 for 90c.

REGAL LILY. This wonderful flower rivals the Easter lily in size and beauty. Plant grows about three ft. tall, and has sometimes eleven or more blossoms on one flower stalk. White with a blush outside and a canary-yellow throat. Regal Lilies may be planted fall or spring. If in spring, plant early, by April 10. Large bulbs, 25c, postage paid, or 10 for \$2.00.

BUTTERCUP. A Colorado wildflower. Glistening yellow, 18 in. tall. None sent after April 10. Price, 2 for 15c.

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